

Auditorium celebrates 10th anniversary

PASADENA — The Ambassador Auditorium observed its 10th anniversary April 1 to 8 with six concerts. Included in the scheduled events were pianist Peter Donohue, gold medal winner in the 1982 Tchaikovsky competition; the Beaux Arts Trio; and the Los Angeles (Calif.) Chamber Orchestra with Gerard Schwarz conducting.

"The variety of concerts presented is fitting for our anniversary week, as it reflects the varied high-quality concerts presented in the Auditorium each season," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation and director of the Ambassador Auditorium.

Inaugural concert

The week marks 10 years since the first concert in the Auditorium April 7, 1974, when conductor Carlo Maria Giulini led the Vienna Symphony through Ludwig van Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, Johannes Brahms' *Symphony No. 1* and an encore of Johann Strauss' *Emperor's Waltz*.

Asked why the foundation didn't schedule a large orchestra for the anniversary, Mr. La Ravia explained: "We must work with the schedules of major performers and orchestras. When a major orchestra announces a tour, we must fit into their schedule, instead of the other way around."

He added that the performances by the Vienna Philharmonic Feb. 18 and 19 "were considered to be the anniversary performances, because, as you know, Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong originally hoped that the Vienna Philharmonic would be able

to open the Auditorium." [See "Capacity Audiences Hear Vienna Philharmonic," *WN*, Feb. 27.]

"It is very appropriate that the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra will perform during our anniversary week, as they are the resident orchestra of the Auditorium and have been so for some seven years," Mr. La Ravia said.

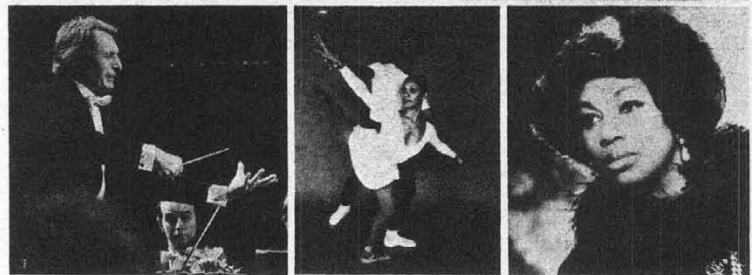
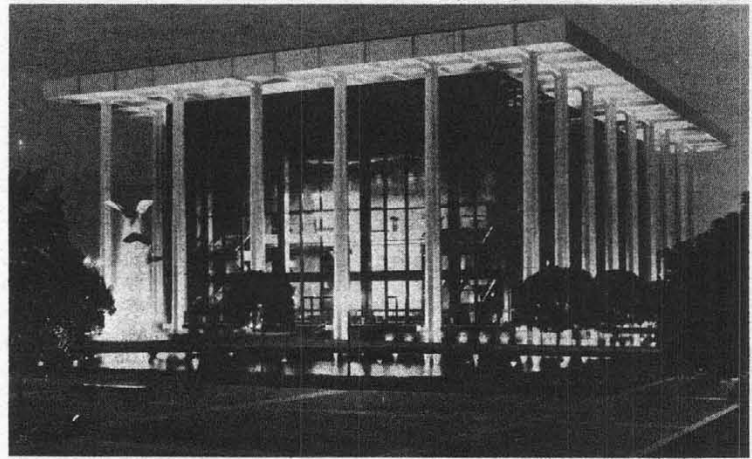
Auditorium opening

Covering the opening, the April 15, 1974, *Worldwide News* reported that the Auditorium nearly wasn't finished in time for the opening concert. Late arrival of some rose onyx for the Auditorium lobby, the laying of the lobby carpet the week before the concert and the late arrival of some Auditorium seats threatened to delay the opening.

Mr. La Ravia was then in charge of the Church's General Services Department, which included the Landscaping and Custodial Departments. He was responsible for the landscaping around the Auditorium, which required 93,000 square feet of sod to be laid, more than 90 trees to be planted and more than 2½ miles of irrigation pipe to be installed.

"It was a crash program," said Mr. La Ravia in the April 15, 1974, *WN*. "Though it seemed impossible, due to the long hours and volunteer help it was finished on time."

Mr. Armstrong conducted the ground-breaking ceremony for the Auditorium Jan. 14, 1972. After the Auditorium officially opened more than two years later, Mr. Armstrong officially dedicated the Auditorium with prayer May 6 at the first session of the 1974 ministerial conference in Pasadena.



AUDITORIUM ANNIVERSARY — Stars who performed in the Ambassador Auditorium since it opened in 1974 include (top row, from left): tenor Luciano Pavarotti; pianist Arthur Rubinstein, pictured with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (left); soprano Montserrat Caballe; and (bottom row): Carlo Maria Giulini and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, who performed the first concert April 7, 1974; the Dance Theatre of Harlem; and soprano Leontyne Price. Center photo shows the Ambassador Auditorium standing in a ½-acre man-made lake containing 500,000 gallons of water. The 26 pillars surrounding the Auditorium are 72 feet tall. [Ambassador Foundation photos]

Treasurer makes review of first-quarter finances

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — The first quarter of 1984 has come and gone, so it is time for another financial review. Those of you in the United States have more than likely been reviewing your personal financial situations too, since the filing of annual income tax reports is due April 15.

Conditions improved in March with our cash-flow problem. A month ago it appeared that we would be considerably below safe operating levels for most of the month before the Spring Holy Days. This was evident from careful daily projections of income, expense and bank balances.

As a result of certain financial restraints that were imposed on spending, in addition to a slightly higher than projected income, this condition improved by about \$1 million in operating reserves over what was expected.

Until mid-April, we will probably continue to have balances just above what is considered a minimum safe operating level. If these reserves go any lower, it will upset the normal and smooth day-to-day financial operations. At the two historically low

times of the year (just before the Spring and Fall Holy Days), we need to have more in reserves than we have now for efficient operation.

Even though we should get through the current cash-flow problem, the fall low point is still projected to be lower than a minimum safe operating level. In March, these projections have improved, and I believe that God will provide this need if we all do our part.

Even though the present cash-flow problem has diminished, the income picture has darkened a little since my report a month ago. At that time, we had 15 percent more income for January and February than 1983. During March, the month's income dropped to a 7.7 percent increase, which pulled the year-to-date, or first quarter, income increase down to 12.4 percent. This is about 1 percent over income budget projections.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has mentioned the need in recent letters to have good Spring Holy Day offerings to offset our low balances. I also mentioned this a month ago. As a result of these comments, along with the fine attitude of God's people, I expect a better than average increase for these offerings. I hope each of you will do your part, as you are able, and as

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Brethren escape 'brutal storm'

By Tom Delamater

PASADENA — Church members in North and South Carolina escaped unharmed from a series of tornadoes that struck those states the night of March 28.

Although a reported 24 twisters ripped a 50-mile avenue of destruction through more than 300 miles of the two states, there were few reports of property damage involving members' homes.

"Surveying the damage, it sure was a brutal storm, and I'm just glad that none of our brethren was hurt," said John Moskel, pastor of the New Bern and Wilmington, N.C., churches. "There were a lot of other homes blown to pieces."

Mr. Moskel said that one family of six living just south of Snow Hill, N.C., lost the roof and ceiling of

their two-story house. The family, including the wife who is a Church member, was in the house when the roof was torn off.

"You can see the path of the tornado," Mr. Moskel said, "and it went right over their house. So they're just glad to be alive."

The home was lost because of structural damage, he said, but the family will live in a trailer provided free by the state for up to one year. He also said one of the woman's cousins was killed in the storm.

United Press International reported that 59 people died as a result of the tornadoes, which left about 3,300 homeless and injured about 1,000 others. Damage estimates exceeded \$100 million and were expected to continue rising.

President Ronald Reagan

pledged federal disaster aid for areas devastated by the tornadoes.

"All of God's people in this area were protected, some rather dramatically," said Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence, S.C., churches. "Especially when you see the map of the path of the tornadoes."

"We have brethren scattered all along that entire route," he said. "Not one of them had any personal property damage or were injured in any way."

Cecil Murphy, a member of the Florence church, is from Bennettsville, S.C., one of the cities hardest hit. Mr. Murphy lives in an apartment complex beside a shopping center that was leveled by a tornado. His apartment suffered little damage.

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Southern Africa: conflicts to cooperation

PASADENA — "Winds of peace" are blowing in southern Africa. How strong and lasting only time will tell. Nevertheless, on Friday, March 16, the Republic of South Africa and its Marxist neighbor to the northeast, Mozambique, concluded a treaty of "nonaggression and good neighborliness."

In addition, the groundwork has been laid for a cessation of hostilities along the Angola-South-West Africa (S.W.A.) border, leading to the possible independence of S.W.A., commonly referred to as Namibia.

The complex S.W.A.-Angola situation is still several critical steps away from fruition. The main obstacle remains the removal of the 25,000 Cuban troops in Angola. The Soviet Union, especially, hates to see the Cubans — its cat's-paw in southern Africa — depart.

The new and much simpler relationship between South Africa and Mozambique is already a reality, however. Renewed ties between the two countries, which were strained since Marxist-backed revolutionaries emerged victorious in 1975 during Mozambique's war of independence against Portugal, have developed rapidly in the past few

months, leading up to the historic treaty-signing ceremony near the border town of Komatipoort, South Africa.

The location, a strip of no-man's-land on the bank of the Nkomati River, was quickly hacked out of the bush to accommodate the more than 1,000 dignitaries and guests, including 300 newsmen.

The treaty clearly benefits both nations, first of all in the security sphere. Its most important provision commits each side to prevent its territory, waters or air space from being used as a base of aggression against the other.

By a stroke of the pen the outlawed African National Congress had the ground cut out from under its feet. The ANC used bases inside Mozambique to launch terrorist raids into South Africa.

For Mozambique, a troublesome counterrevolution known as the Mozambique National Resistance can now be reined in. It is believed that South Africa gave support to the MNR in order to pressure President Samora Machel's government to moderate its policies. (Mozambique was southern Africa's most radical state. Its national flag has embla-

zored on it the silhouette of a Russian-made AK-47 assault rifle.)

Affirmations of peace

In their speeches at Komatipoort, both leaders stressed that political and social differences between the two countries would not impede

ignorance, poverty and underdevelopment."

Mozambique, to be sure, needs all the help it can get. It is in desperate economic straits, the result not only of Marxist economic policy, but of two years of drought and floods that ravaged southern Africa.



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

cooperation. Said Prime Minister Pieter Botha: "In signing this agreement today, we have opted for the road of peace... Our task now is to... do all we can to ensure that historians will rank today as a major turning point in the destiny of our subcontinent."

"The agreement we have concluded," replied President Machel, "enables the region to concentrate its efforts on the prime struggle of the continent and humanity — the struggle against hunger, disease,

According to one estimate, more than 100,000 Mozambicans died of starvation in 1983.

As a Portuguese colony, Mozambique was prosperous. South Afri-

cans on holiday enjoyed going over to "L.M." — Lourenco Marques — as Maputo, the capital, was once called. (*The World Tomorrow* was on Radio Lourenco Marques for years, a vital instrument in building the work in southern Africa.)

Suzanne Garment, writing in *The Wall Street Journal* March 9, interviewed President Machel about his country's plight.

"In his written answers," she said "the president has been quite explicit about the vast economic hole Mozambique finds itself in today and about the need for South Africa to help extricate the country. His explanation echoes the analysis that one Mozambican gave us in a casual street conversation: 'South Africa will give us everything we need.'"

After the Nkomati Accord, aid from South Africa started to flow in, from food to pharmaceuticals. South African experts are discussing long-term plans to improve Maputo's harbor facilities.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

I'd give anything if...

An admiring fan had just attended a spectacular recital by a world-class pianist. Overcome with awe at the pianist's skillful playing, the fan raced up to the artist and exclaimed: "Oh, that was wonderful — beautiful! I'd give anything if I could play the piano like that!"

"No you wouldn't," came the pianist's calm, matter-of-fact reply, "because if you would practice playing the piano eight hours a day, six days a week, for 20 years, you could play the piano like that. But you're not willing to do that."

It's true, you know. A good number of our failures occur because we are not willing to expend the amount of pure effort required to succeed. Not that we all should become classical pianists, of course, but you get the point: The bottom line in achieving almost anything — honing a talent, performing a job well, developing a good character trait — is that it takes work.

Sure, you've heard of people who inherited fortunes, or who became famous just because they were in the right place at the right time. Some people, it seems, are successful at athletics, music, certain jobs or making friends almost without effort.

But for most of us, succeeding at anything is simply a matter of work. Not luck. Not tricks of the trade. Just persistence and good old-fashioned hard work.

This particular column could be called "In Praise of Work." Why? Because people in this world, and we in God's Church as well, need — more than a lot of other things we only think we need — a solid work ethic.

In this world most people, it seems, feel the greatest achievement is to get away from work and enjoy some personal pleasure or recreation. But we need to remember that work is good. We need to find our pleasure in our work, because we spend more time working than doing anything else in our lives — eating, sleeping, praying, studying the Bible and traveling included.

Work may not seem good when you have to haul yourself out of bed at 5 in the morning, or when you have to take out the garbage, or when you have to do some job for the umpteenth time, but it is. God says so.

After God recreated the world, making it splendid and beautiful again, He stood back and saw that His work was very good (Genesis 1:31).

Honest work and right attitudes toward work will always hold us in good stead.

God is a worker

Of course, we can't do it all on our own, especially in our Christian lives. We desperately need God's help, and we must not forget that.

But God Himself is a worker. So is His Son, Jesus Christ (John 5:17). And God and Jesus want us to be like them. God rejoices in His works (Psalm 104:31). He greatly desires to finish us as His greatest handiwork.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has offered this perspective on the balance between work and relying on God: We must give credit to God for every success and blessing, because, after all, it is God who does the works (John 14:10). But we must ourselves work as hard as if we had done everything on our own.

Or, as the old saying goes, most successes result from 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration!

Why do you think we apply the term work to this great commission in which we are involved? It's not play or leisure or entertainment. It's work! And it's the greatest work in human history.

After all, we're going to be working in the world tomorrow, not lying on clouds and strumming harps for all eternity. Under Christ's leadership, we will help rebuild the world, bring many more children into God's Family and then go on to other work such as finishing the universe.

And God wants us to work now, preaching the Gospel to the world

and building character in ourselves. Work — effort — perseverance — toil — striking another blow when our minds and bodies tell us not to — can certainly help tremendously in troubled financial times, in overcoming personal problems and sins and in getting things done.

Consider the result

You've heard the scriptures on this subject, of course:

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10, Revised Authorized Version).

Jesus, who set the example for us, said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17).

Ecclesiastes 5:19 says it is the gift of God to be able to rejoice in our labor.

These familiar verses can tend to become clichés if we don't think about them deeply and consider what they mean.

Sure, work can be tiresome, boring or even grimy and disagreeable. It's no fun for an arthritic person to have to use pliers to open a carton of milk. What pleasure is there in working day in and day out with unconverted people who smoke, swear, live profligate lives and hold you in contempt because you don't?

Serving for years without hearing a word of thanks could get to you, if you let it. Sometimes you have to make bricks without straw.

But it all gets back to our attitude about work — to knowing what our labors will produce in the end.

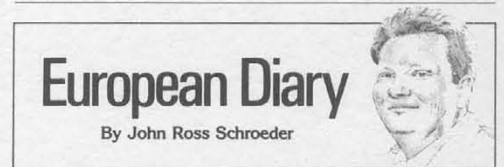
If we are truly converted and living God's way, running for all we're worth to win this Christian race, here's the equation we need to base all our actions on: Hard work = success.

Job pointed out that in the end, those who have been willing to work, and who are willing to work for eternity, will be rewarded. Speaking to God, Job said, "You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall desire the work of Your hands" (Job 14:15, Revised Authorized Version).

And what will God have in store for us? Salvation, eternal life and infinite accomplishment!

Roll up your sleeves. Get in there and pitch. Slow and steady wins the race. Give it your all. Cliches again, right? Well, get this one: Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work" (Revelations 22:12, Revised Authorized Version).

Let's go to work!



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Changes in perspective

BOREHAMWOOD, England — What you said in 1975 or 1979 can and will be held against you. That seems to be the message of an Underground (subway) poster in London.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is quoted on the poster as saying that there will not be a woman prime minister in her lifetime.

Ditto John DeLoonan's words to the effect that his new sports car would not be a failure, but contrariwise a huge success.

And the words of a leading labor union chief extolling the incredible

harmony between himself and his union are also there for all to see and read. Subsequent events proved all these opinions to be in error.

What is it in human nature that makes people want to gloat over the erroneous judgments of others? Don't people realize that circumstances can and often do change?

Take the case of Mrs. Thatcher. Just a few years before her party election as Conservative Party (Tory) opposition leader, the conventional wisdom seemed to preclude the possibility of any woman becoming prime minister.

But circumstances changed. A chain of events loosened former Prime Minister Edward Heath's grip on the Conservative Party. Not many outstanding male leaders were readily available at the time. Some key people suddenly decided to back Mrs. Thatcher for the leadership of her party.

We often say what we say based on the information we have at the time. Not being God we are in no position to control events in such a

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Refreshing Program photos

I especially want to thank you for the new way you're presenting the refreshing courses ministry. Wow! I love the larger pictures. It sure helps us know and pray for those who guide us on our education for the Kingdom.

Patricia Summers
Canoga Park, Calif.

When I saw the pictures of the ministers and their wives who were at the Refreshing Program I just had to write and thank you for it. I hope you keep it up for the future programs.

Also I would like to thank Gene Hogberg, Dexter Faulkner and John Schroeder for the articles they write every couple weeks. They are really inspiring and eye-opening. Keep up the good work. Can't wait for the next copy.

Donald C. Kops
Wentzville, Mo.

Children's letters

I always enjoy reading "Just One More Thing" by Dexter H. Faulkner, and the "Letters to the Editor." I especially enjoyed reading the letters by the children to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong in the Feb. 27, 1984, issue. Children are so pure and innocent in their thoughts and expressions.

Inez De Vaughn
Detroit, Mich.

Sacred calendar

The new sacred calendar is excellent. The added events of Church and world events add wealth to one's hunger for balance in God's time.

Sean H. Ross
Iowa City, Iowa

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Ambassador Auditorium reflects Church, example of God's way

PASADENA—"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong always envisioned sharing Ambassador Auditorium with the community," said Ellis La Ravia, evangelist and director of the Auditorium, "but the success and growth of its activities have vastly exceeded our expectations."

In a March 30 interview Mr. La Ravia traced the history of the Auditorium, which opened April 7, 1974, with a concert featuring the Vienna Symphony conducted by Carlo Maria Giulini.

Original concept changed

The present use of the Auditorium is different from the original concept, according to Mr. La Ravia.

"I don't think anybody thought then that we would be presenting concert seasons of the magnitude and quantity we do today," Mr. La Ravia said. All performances are sponsored by Ambassador College, and each season has averaged more than 100 concerts for the last five years.

John Prohs, responsible for the audio facilities in the Auditorium, said, "The original plans were that the Auditorium was to be used for [Ambassador College] forums and assemblies, Sabbath services, lectures by world leaders and occasional concerts by world-class orchestras."

As use of the Auditorium grew and expanded, it also developed into a powerful means of exposing people to God's way of life.

"Through our involvement in the performing arts, Mr. Armstrong has met British royalty; it has also led to the expansion of our relations with [the People's Republic of] China; and has proven instrumental in exemplifying the way of 'give' to major leaders in Washington, D.C., as you can read in the [March 12] *Worldwide News*," Mr. La Ravia said.

Community involvement

Though well-received today, concert attendance at the Auditorium was small in the beginning years, and the motivation of the college in presenting the original concert seasons were viewed with some suspicion, the evangelist continued.

"We had never done anything like the concert series before then," he said. Tracing the background of the Auditorium, Mr. La Ravia explained: "During the late 1960s the Church was experiencing exponential growth. At that same time, the college was beginning its major building program — the [Loma D. Armstrong] Academic Center, the Hall of Administration, the Student Center were all planned and built during this time.

"You have to remember that prior to that time the college campus was very small, and few outsiders visited it. We had a very low profile in the community," the evangelist stated.

"Suddenly, as the community viewed it in 1974, we had this very fine auditorium. We scheduled about four or five major performances a year and charged higher than normal ticket prices with the idea that all proceeds would be donated to outside charities. The idea was that people would buy tickets as a donation to charities.

"Unfortunately," Mr. La Ravia said, "the ticket policy was largely misunderstood. People thought there had to be some trick or gimmick — there were a lot of questions in the community."

Therefore, the Auditorium lowered its prices and dropped the donation policy. "In 1975 the Ambassador Foundation was formed, and we had our first real concert series with about 70 different perfor-

mances," the evangelist said. "After 1975 concert proceeds were distributed through Ambassador Foundation projects instead of to outside charities."

In the spring of 1976 Mr. La Ravia was given responsibility for the Auditorium after Jack Elliott, the first director, retired. Wayne Shilkret, the director of performing arts for the foundation, "also joined the foundation staff in 1976, coming from the Kennedy Center in Washington," Mr. La Ravia said.

Each succeeding season saw greater attendance and acceptance by the community. "Our motivation has proven out," Mr. La Ravia said. "The Auditorium provides a unique vehicle for the Church to demonstrate its beliefs by works and deeds, instead of words only.

"The majority of people cannot relate to our religious beliefs," the evangelist continued. "But they can appreciate music and concerts. They also appreciate the quality, the warmth and friendliness, and the fact that we don't try to use the Auditorium to peddle our religion."

"Virtually everyone I talk to at Auditorium concerts has heard of or

seen the *World Tomorrow* program, or has read *The Plain Truth*.

Conductor Herbert von Karajan said that after seeing the Auditorium before his 1982 concert with the Berlin Philharmonic, he already knew the character of Mr. Armstrong. "He said that he could see his character in the building," Mr. La Ravia related.

"People attending Auditorium concerts are able to experience God's way of life in action. While Jesus Christ proclaimed the Gospel, he also did many good works that 'the works of God should be made manifest,'" Mr. La Ravia said, referring to John 9:3.

Reading from John 6:26, the evangelist explained that many people today, as in Christ's time, "aren't interested in the meaning and the purpose of life.

"But frankly," Mr. La Ravia concluded, "I believe that the Auditorium fulfills this same purpose — the hundreds of thousands who've been in the Auditorium and subsequently on the Ambassador College campus, have seen the works of God manifest in their sight."



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong participated in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 14, 1972.

Treasurer

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God has blessed you.

The Arthur Andersen & Co. auditing staff and our accounting staff have been working for months now on completing the 1983 audit for the Church, Ambassador College and Ambassador Foundation. The U.S. audit has been completed by the staff and is now being reviewed by the Arthur Andersen partners. This is the final major step before publishing the audit.

The international or worldwide audit is also now in progress, but is slightly behind the U.S. audit. It seems that each day we have been receiving completed certified audits from various of our regional offices around the world. So far, we have received most of the audits from our larger offices. The U.S. audits, as well as the combined audits, should be completed by the end of the month.

Since we are involved with the annual audit, I thought it might be of interest to you to learn a bit more about these audits. They are done by a multinational firm, Arthur Andersen & Co. They are one of the largest U.S. and international auditing firms in the world. We are just one of many thousands of clients they have around the world.

They make a thorough investigation or review of whatever financial records they deem necessary to determine if our financial reports are accurate. To illustrate this, I would like to include a report given me by Fred Stevens, Accounting Department manager, about our relations with outside auditors here and abroad.

"As you know, we have Arthur Andersen & Co. as our main audit firm in the United States and certain other countries. In some offices around the world, other audit firms are still used. We at times receive informal comments from those auditors which reflect on the character of the Church in its business dealings and the character and integrity of the individual members.

"These outside auditors routinely review all our procedures for handling the receipt and depositing of contributions. They do this in order to be reasonably sure that donations sent to the Church are indeed received and banked in the corpo-

rate bank accounts — and recorded on the corporate books.

"To do so requires that the auditors contact some of our brethren each year to confirm the exact amount of their donations. The Church sends a letter out to those individuals, and they respond in writing directly back to the auditors. This has proved to be a helpful procedure in the production of the audit reports in various countries.

"These confirmation letters have at times impressed our auditors, not only with the accuracy of the Church's records, but with the responsiveness of the members. Members of God's Church seem to respond to these routine requests promptly, efficiently and cheerfully.

"A major segment of our income is from offerings collected on the Holy Days. For the protection of the Church, and to assure that the Holy Day offerings are recorded in the corporate records and that appropriate receipts are issued to the contributors, staff members from these various audit firms visit services on some of the Holy Days.

"They visually observe the collection and the processing of the Holy Day offerings. This practice contributes to the audit procedures. But also, the behavior of the brethren has often impressed the auditors. We have also received a number of comments of amazement concerning the size and scope of the Church worldwide.

"Some of the minor incidents that happen can sometimes be amusing. When outside auditors observe the collection of the Holy Day offerings, they verify our count of the number of baskets that are sent out into the auditorium. Then, the offering is taken up, and the baskets are brought to the processing room. The number of baskets is always again verified to be sure that everything given in the offering is properly included in the deposits to the corporate bank accounts.

For the Record

In the March 26 *Worldwide News*, Joe Jacoby Sr. was incorrectly identified as the photographer of the front page photo of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. John Loupe took the photo.

"One year, at one of the larger sites, a well-meaning usher realized that two baskets were not needed in the section to which he was assigned. Therefore, he used only one collection basket and placed the unused empty under his seat. When the offering was completed and all the baskets brought to the processing room, our accountants and the auditors proceeded to count the baskets. What a surprise when we were one short! Through searching section by section throughout the auditorium and checking with usher after usher, the basket was found. Those involved were quite relieved, and the auditors mused that the entire discrepancy was caused not by any dishonest action, but rather by well-intentioned efforts of a man to improve the efficiency, speed and accuracy of the collection . . .

"Continually, our outside auditors and other business people who deal with the Church and brethren of the Church are impressed with the integrity, loyalty and willingness to serve that is exhibited in all of our Church congregations and offices worldwide. We are certainly pleased each year to be able to present combined worldwide financial statements and the accompanying auditor's unqualified report."

In conclusion, I would like to

Storms

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age while other units in the complex and automobiles in the parking lot were destroyed.

John King, a member of the Florence church who lives in Bishopville, S.C., said that the destruction caused by the storms was the worst he had ever seen, even compared to combat areas in Vietnam, where he had served for one year. "It looked like someone had taken their arm and wiped off the top of a table, leaving the residue on the floor," he said.

Mr. Greider felt the severity of the storms "helped the churches by way of drawing us closer to God," and noted one unusual circumstance:

"In the city of Red Springs [S.C.] there was one building that stood alone amidst all the debris and rubble," he said. "And in that store we had a *Plain Truth* newsstand — the only one in Red Springs."

include excerpts from another report by one of our accountants who also served as Festival business manager last year at one of our Church-owned Feast sites.

"Last Friday, as I was preparing to leave, one of the auditors stopped by my office. He had been temporarily assigned to our audit and since his two-week assignment was over, he just wanted to stop by to say good-bye and shake my hand.

"He made the comment that when he had been assigned to work there, someone down at the main office told him he was fortunate in getting that assignment because 'the Worldwide Church job is a good one to be on.' At that time, he didn't know what that person had meant, but after being here for two weeks he said he now knew why.

"On most jobs, the clients don't treat the auditors very well, but here he felt very comfortable working among us. He thanked us for the prompt, courteous and efficient help we gave in solving any audit questions because it had made his assignment here a pleasant experience.

"Another comment I'd like to pass along was from an auditor who observed our Holy Day offering the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles . . . This was the first time he had been sent to a Church-owned site, so after we completed the offering deposit at the bank, I drove him around the facility so he could get a better perspective of the Festival grounds. Later that evening, my wife and I took him to dinner.

"During dinner, our discussion came back to that day's offering and the processing of it. He confessed he was 'a bit awed' by the large offering and that we had only been out of balance a few dollars between our envelope total and cash count.

"He stated that he was impressed by our system of 'checks and balances' in the processing procedures, but what impressed him most was the 'integrity' of the people performing the processing. Considering that the people were all volunteers, he was amazed by how conscientious they were in processing the offering."

I hope these comments will be as encouraging to you as they were to me. The comments from our accountant seem a fitting end to this report, as we now enter the Spring Holy Day season.

Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 3, March 21 to April 3



Robert & Sandra Morton
Regional director
Australia and Asia



Daniel & Alice Bierer
Church pastor
Fort Myers and Sarasota, Fla.



Robert & Margaret Boraker
Associate pastor
Borehamwood, England



William & Jeannette Bradford
Church pastor
Melbourne, Australia, East



John & Christine Comino
Church pastor
Cookeville and Knoxville, Tenn.



Dennis & Karen Diehl
Church pastor
Middlesboro, London and
Somerset, Ky.



Robert & Joan Fergen
Local church elder
Pasadena P.M.



Andrew Freeman Sr.
Local church elder
Grand Forks, N.D.



Gordon & Janice Gueller
Local church elder
Minot, N.D.



Toluta'u & Sela Ha'angana
Church pastor
Tonga



Colin & Lynne Hardy
Local church elder
Blaxland, Australia



Douglas & Tanya Horchak
Church pastor
Prescott and Flagstaff, Ariz.



Mohan & Nihara Jayasekera
Church pastor
Colombo and Anuradhapura, Sri
Lanka



Lyall & Wynnis Johnston
Church pastor
Napier, Nelson, Palmerston North
and Wellington, New Zealand



Paul & Monica Kieffer
Church pastor
West Berlin, Hamburg and
Hannover, West Germany



Gary & Kimberly King
Church pastor
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,
and Wolverine, Mich.



Victor & Beverly Kubik
Church pastor
Lake Crystal and Minneapolis
South, Minn.



John & Fiona Larkin
Associate pastor
Manhattan, Long Island
and White Plains, N.Y.



Robert & Faye League
Church pastor
Cincinnati, Ohio, North and
South



Curtis & Jannice May
Assistant pastor
Pasadena Imperial



Brian & Gillian Orchard
Associate pastor
San Francisco, Calif.



Royston & Sheila Page
Church pastor
Morden, Thunder Bay and
Winnipeg East, and West, Man.,
and Williams, Minn.



James & Linda Peoples
Church pastor
San Bernardino, Banning and
Glendora, Calif.



Robert & Ruby Peoples
Church pastor
Jackson and Greenwood, Miss.



Carlos & Ruth Perkins
Local church elder
Philadelphia, Pa.



Eli & Smelia Rebich
Local church elder
Wheeling, W. Va.



John & Evelyn Rilenbaugh
Church pastor
Hammond, Ind., Chicago West
and Park Forest, Ill.



John & Sandra Rupp
Local church elder
Middletown, N.J.



Delfino & Frances Sandoval
Associate pastor
Sacramento, Calif.



Harry & Lisa Sleder
Church pastor
Vancouver, Wash.



Ronald & Mary Smith
Associate pastor
Cambridge, Ohio, and
Wheeling, W. Va.



Guy & Jennifer Swenson
Local church elder
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Keith & Avis Thomas
Church pastor
Columbia, S.C., and
Augusta, Ga.



Paul & Madilyn Troike
Local church elder
Pasadena Imperial



Andre & Ann van Belkum
Church pastor
Johannesburg, South Africa



Alfred & Frankie Jo Vanschuyver
Local church elder
Ada, Okla.



Warren & Pamela Waian
Local church elder
Chico and Eureka, Calif.



Keith & Renee Walden
Church pastor
Hobbs and Roswell, N.M.,
Lubbock and Midland, Tex.



Anthony & Linda Wasilkoff
Church pastor
Hamilton and St. Catharines,
Ont.



Glen & Connie Weber
Church pastor
Prince George, B.C.



James & Phyllis Wells
Church pastor
Topeka, Kan., and St.
Joseph, Mo.



Glen & Connie White
Church pastor
Fresno and Visalia, Calif.



Valden & Stella White
Associate pastor
Spokane, Wash., and
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Africa

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Mozambique learned to its grief that a policy of confrontation along with alignment with the Communist bloc simply has not worked. The Soviet Union is incapable of providing the economic aid Mr. Machel's government must have. As one observer commented, "Bullets and hand grenades do not fill hungry stomachs."

Fortunately for President Machel, the United States, ever since the Reagan administration has come to power, has pursued a policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa, instead of one of open confrontation, as during the days of the Carter administration. The United States has offered its services as an active broker (as have officials in Portugal).

The leaders of black Africa, as a whole, welcomed the new relationship. Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe pledged "total support" of the Nkomati Accord in a message to President Machel. President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said he had "complete confidence" in the initiative. Angola and Botswana also sent messages of support.

Even the moderate-liberal *New York Times*, in an article by Flora Lewis, called the political turnabout in southern Africa a "watershed." Ms. Lewis added that "both wisdom and morality . . . must weigh on the side of encouraging what forces there are for conciliation and political maneuver, and against sterile righteousness."

"To be blunt, the experience of

black Africa since decolonization has been dreadful. Revolution and wars of liberation proved effective only for seizing power, not in any way for improving the miserable condition of the people in whose name they were fought."

'Constellation of states'

What the farsighted Prime Minister Botha has envisioned for a long time is a "constellation of states" in southern Africa, each contributing its share to the wealth and prosperity of the subcontinent, with South Africa, the region's economic powerhouse, being, as it were, the locomotive to pull everyone along.

There is no doubt that if the new relationship improves Mozambique's fortunes, that other black states in the African subcontinent will desire similar open ties to "the Republic" as it is often referred to.

Many white South Africans have long maintained that they have a unique, God-given role to play in Africa to advance the welfare of the various African peoples in their midst. In this vein, the respected Afrikaans weekly *Rapport* (March 11) opined:

"The Accord of Nkomati . . . could mean the first step towards a situation where South Africa will be able to play its rightful and almost prophetic role in Africa as an ally in the process of development and in the fight against poverty, suspicion and enmity."

All this talk of peace and cooperation, of course, does not sit well with the Soviet Union, but at the moment, Moscow does not know quite what to do. Perhaps it will wait until after the 1984 U.S. presidential elections. Either of the two top Democratic Par-

ty contenders would be preferable, in Moscow's eyes, to President Ronald Reagan on the entire range of East-West issues, of which the future realignment of mineral-rich southern Africa is a vital part.

Senator Gary Hart, whom the Soviets have cautiously praised in

print, is on record as being in favor of a timetable of increasing economic sanctions against South Africa.

Interestingly enough, Western Europeans are reawakening to the strategic importance of the African subcontinent. In the end, a united Europe and a constellation of states in

southern Africa may find a great deal in common. But the United States may end up isolating itself from the region.

Meanwhile, the lesson of cooperation rather than confrontation being the key to progress is being indelibly written.

Perspective

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way as to make our statements stand for all time. Only the Eternal God has that type of mastery over the future.

Was John DeLoe's dream of a new automobile empire in Northern Ireland a deceit? Did he deliberately bring about the damaging 1980-82 recession? Was his own allegedly inattentive leadership premeditated to bring about certain failure? None of these premises are likely or even probable.

No, people are swept along both by world conditions and their own weaknesses. Of course, there is cause and effect. But the perpetrator of the causes rarely understands the hole he is digging for himself.

Later he may see where he went wrong. Hindsight, most of us have. Foresight is another matter.

Not long ago, a leading actor decided to publish his personal diaries from 1956 to 1976. In the spirit of truth he printed his day-to-day précis as he originally wrote them. But from place to place he could not resist adding explanatory footnotes in italics.

He was astonished at some of his former opinions. He had to make it

clear to the public that he changed his mind about a few things.

Reading something we said five or 10 years ago nails us to the wall. We may be forced to admit we were wrong. That can be a therapeutic experience in itself.

Usually after the pains of initial embarrassment, we are able to extend mercy to ourselves. "I know I said that in 1979, but . . ." The golden rule tells us we must extend that same mercy to others. Mercy rejoices against judgment.

So some luminary said something that proved to be in error in the light of later events. We have all both said and thought things that turned out to be wrong.

We can be thankful most of us don't have to read about our errors in print. Our mistakes are usually confined to a circle of friends and acquaintances.

History shows Winston Churchill prophesied correctly concerning World War II as opposed to Neville Chamberlain's incorrect assessments. One may recall Prime Minister Chamberlain's "peace in our time" pronouncement after his meeting with Adolf Hitler in Munich, Germany.

After Mr. Churchill became prime minister, did he gloat over the fact that he had been right and Mr. Chamberlain wrong?

Not at all. Prime Minister Churchill did everything he could to cushion Mr. Chamberlain from the effects of his miscalculations, including protecting him from the vengeful demands of some of his Conservative colleagues.

In a final tribute to Mr. Chamberlain's character and career, Mr. Churchill said in the House of Commons: "We are so often mocked by the failure of our hopes and the upsetting of our calculations . . . We can be sure that Neville Chamberlain acted with perfect sincerity according to his lights and strove to the utmost of his capacity and authority, which were powerful, to save the world from the awful, devastating struggle in which we are now engaged." (Winston Churchill, *The Second World War*, Vol. 2, page 487). This is a godly approach to someone else's miscalculations.

Another famous man in Britain once wrote: "Life is a pilgrimage of learning, a voyage of discovery, in which our mistaken views are corrected, our distorted notions adjusted, our shallow opinions deepened and some of our vast ignorances diminished."

No one with this attitude and approach toward life would ever publish a poster that mockingly records the mistaken impressions of others.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

TWO RELAY TEAMS BREAK NATIONAL RECORD

BIG SANDY — A six-member quarter-day relay team ran 63 miles, 499 yards on the college track Saturday evening, March 24, to break the national quarter-day relay record.

Team members were Vince Benedetti, Dusti Howell, Mike Kennebeck, Deanne Bochenski, Karla Lyon and Brenda Mez.

The second place team ran 60 miles, 10 yards, also breaking the national record, which was about 63½ miles. The third team ran 52 miles, 880 yards.

In a quarter-day relay, each team member runs one mile before passing the baton to the next runner. The relay began at 7 p.m. and ended at 1 a.m.

Fifteen students and three staff members participated in the race sanctioned by *Runner's World* magazine, according to Dave Goethals, physical education instructor who organized the race with college staff member Paul "Skeets" Mez.

Mr. Howell, who ran 11 miles, had the best average time for the men. He ran nine miles in less than five minutes each, and his overall average was 4:59.

Of the women, Lisa Roe, who ran 10 miles, had the best average time, 6:03.

"We had prepared all year to run this race, by running in the Dallas marathon and seven road races," said Mr. Goethals.

STUDENTS ATTEND RESTAURANT NIGHTS

BIG SANDY — The Dining Hall here was transformed into a five-star restaurant called the Bronze Star March 4 and 25.

The purpose was "to give the



WINNING RUNNERS — James Butts (far left), a 1976 Olympic silver medalist, and James Petty (far right), Pasadena Ambassador College athletic director, join winners of each category of the third annual Ambassador College 10-kilometer run March 18. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

students the opportunity to experience fine dining as they would in the finer restaurants of the world and to provide a social occasion," said Larry Salyer, dean of students.

To participate in these evenings, called Restaurants Nights, students made reservations in groups of two or four before the evenings, said Dean Newcomb, student body president.

Students ordered from a menu that offered fresh-baked bread, green salad, appetizers such as sauteed mushrooms, baked grapefruit or French onion soup au gratin, and entrees including four-star duckling, stuffed fillet of sole, broiled lamb chops, Tournedos Rossini and chateaubriand. Desserts included a choice of Black Forest torte, Napoleons or French cheesecake.

The food was prepared by

the college Food Service Department under the direction of Steve Sparks, head chef for the evening.

"I had chateaubriand," said sophomore George Townsend. "It was brought on a rolling cart and Mr. [Joseph] Puckett and Mr. Sparks cut it and served it right there."

Pianist Barbara Puckett, wife of Mr. Puckett, a Food Service Department chef, provided background music.

SAN FRANCISCAN WINS 10-KILOMETER RUN

PASADENA — Ralph Batten, a Church member from San Francisco, Calif., won the third annual Ambassador College 10-kilometer run March 18 with a time of 36:23.

The race was open to college students, employees and other Church members. About 150

participants ran a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) course around the Rose Bowl.

In second place was junior Doug McKinney, with a time of 36:46. The first woman to finish was junior Wendy Styer, with a time of 44:41.

Winners were congratulated by James Butts, a 1976 Olympic silver medalist in the triple jump.

This year's race was organized by the junior class under the direction of James Petty, athletic director for the college.

SOPHOMORES TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

BIG SANDY — The sophomore class participated in sight-seeing, canoeing and fellowship with the San Antonio, Tex., brethren during their class trip March 16 through 19.

Students left Friday, March

16, at 1:15 p.m., and arrived at the Airport Ramada Inn in San Antonio at about 8.

Saturday morning, March 17, the class ate brunch in the hotel's banquet room and attended Sabbath services at Beethoven Hall with the San Antonio brethren.

After services the students went to the home of Conway and Lenna Slaughter for a barbecue provided by the San Antonio church. Included was entertainment provided by the sophomore class, and dancing. Music was provided by the Kingsmen, a band composed of San Antonio Church members.

The students spent Saturday night in Church members' homes. Activities Sunday, March 18, included a visit to the HemisFair, site of the 1968 world's fair, where students visited the Institute of Texan Culture, the Tower of the Americas and the Alamo, site of an 1836 battle between Mexicans and Texans.

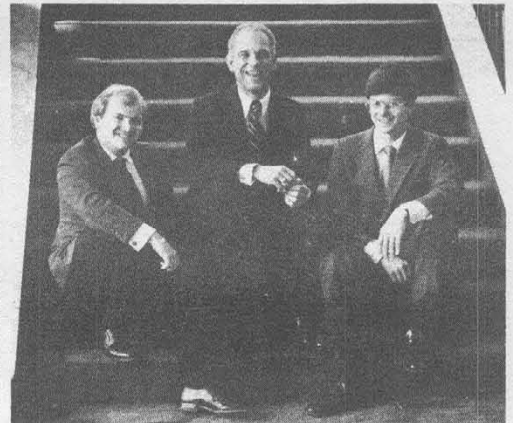
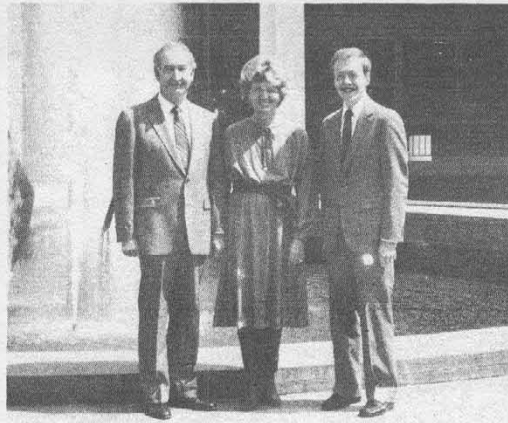
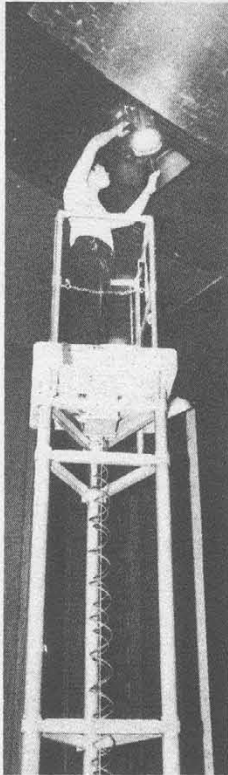
Paddleboats and a riverwalk were available. In the afternoon, the group visited the San Antonio zoo.

That evening, after returning to the Ramada Inn, the group ate dinner at La Provence, a four-star French restaurant.

"The whole restaurant, which was an old, restored house, was reserved for us, and we had a very nice meal," said sophomore Trent Meisner.

Monday morning, March 19, the group canoeed down a stretch of the Guadalupe River. After finishing the course at about 1 p.m. and stopping for dinner in Waco, Tex., the group headed back to campus.

The sophomore class participated in two inventories to help pay for the trip and each student paid an additional \$20.



Auditorium staff: 'thoroughly professional'

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — "Can we focus that spot in over here?" called out Kerry McNair, a lighting technician, over the wireless headset.

The stage at the Ambassador Auditorium bustled with activity as the stage crew readied the acoustical shell for a performance by the Los Angeles (Calif.) Chamber Orchestra.

During the setup, Kevin Gardner, stage manager, instructed crew members through a microphone attached to a portable transmitter

on his belt. After staff members focused more than 200 lights, lighting cues were programmed into the computer in the Auditorium's lighting booth.

In the audio booth centered in the Auditorium's balcony, Mike Torode, an assistant to technical supervisor John Prohs, adjusted the controls of a 48-input mixing board built by Spectra Sonics, Inc. A master tape was recorded during the performance so the orchestra could air the performance on KFAC, a classical music station.

Radio stations can air the performance live when desired, as the Spectra Sonics board can be set up so one audio engineer controls the sound reinforcement in the Auditorium while another sets a sound mix for an audio feed to the station.

Before the performance, Jim Hughes, maintenance coordinator for the Auditorium, adjusted complex air conditioner settings so the heat generated by 1,100 concertgoers and more than 200 spotlights wouldn't make room temperatures unpleasantly warm. The Auditorium remained a pleasant 72 degrees (22 Celsius) during the performance.

Willie Edwards, custodial supervisor for the Auditorium, spent a full eight-hour day with his crew vacuuming the wool carpets, polishing brass and crystal, and oiling woodwork in preparation for the concert.

Rose Sitterley supervises the women's custodial crew.

Professional crew

"The crew in the Auditorium is one of the most harmonious, cooperative group of people I've ever worked with," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, facilities manager and director of the Ambassador Auditorium for Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

The evangelist cited several letters and verbal compliments paid to the crew. Henry Fogel, the executive director of the National Symphony Orchestra from Washington, D.C., wrote, "Your people are among the most thoroughly professional of any I have ever worked with, and I have toured all over the world with two major orchestras."

"Performers come in here and

they can't believe it," Mr. Gardner said. "Artists tell me that one doesn't perform at the Auditorium — one experiences it."

"Everything is geared toward making the artist feel comfortable and confident," Mr. Gardner explained. "And it's amazing how little things like immaculate cleanliness make a big difference with a performer — Willie Edwards and his crew do an incredible job."

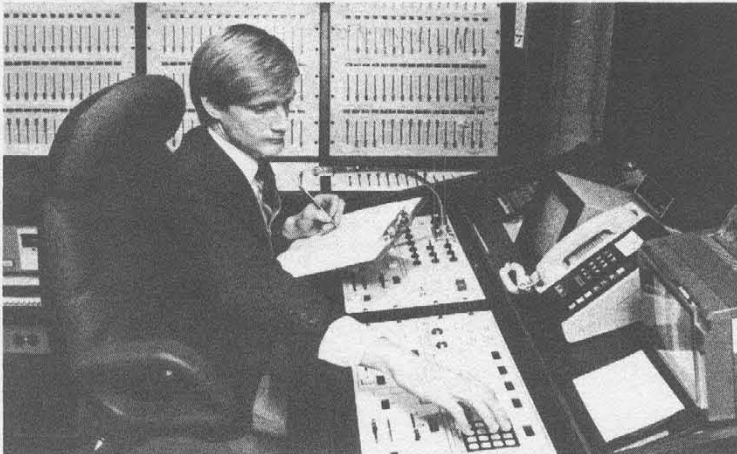
College service

Besides working in the Auditorium, the technical and stage crews provide assistance to Ambassador College and God's Church. "We handle technical operations for U.S. Feast sites, including the sound reinforcement [public address systems], provide instructions on how to aim receiving dishes at satellites for Mr. Armstrong's transmission during the Feast and other technical assistance to Church and college functions," said Mr. Prohs.

"I don't believe you could have the same high quality and commitment in any other hall on earth," said Mr. Gardner. "Sometimes we work 18-hour days and on rare occasions, schedule shifts around the clock."

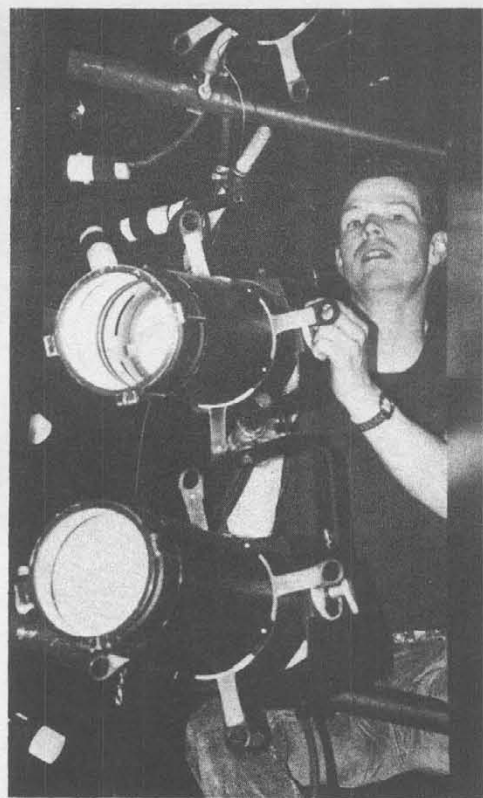
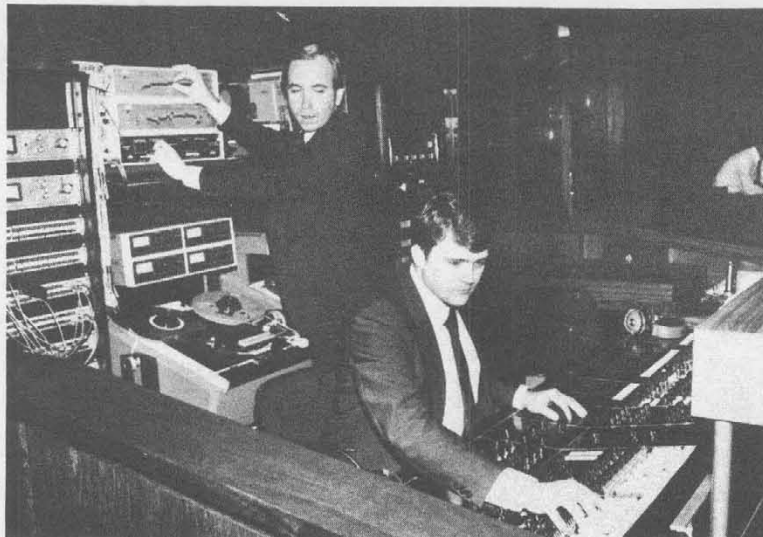
"This is fairly common in the industry," he continued. "But the difference is that the Auditorium crew really has its heart in it — you'll rarely hear complaining. Instead, a bunch of people jump on a job and get it done."

"We want to reflect the values of the Church in what we do," Mr. Gardner concluded. "We never forget that our people are our best asset."



SERVING STAFF — Clockwise from top center photo: evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of the Auditorium, his wife, Gwen, coordinator of social activities for the Auditorium, and Frank Fish, event coordinator, are pictured in front of the Auditorium; house manager Roman Borek is flanked by aides Raymond Epperson (left) and Timothy Morgan; Bruce Sexton (top) and Roger Zacharias set lights above the Auditorium's stage; Kerry McNair calls out lighting instructions over a wireless transmitter; Willie Edwards, custodial supervisor for the Auditorium, polishes crystal on the 4,300-pound chandelier in the Grand Lobby; Peter Eddington programs lighting cues in the light booth's computer; and Mike Iiams sets a spotlight over the Auditorium's stage. (Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr., Barry Stahl and Scott Smith)





CONCERT SETUP — Clockwise from above: audio engineers Mike Torode (left) and John Wise ready the Spectra Sonics mixing console and related recording equipment for a concert; David King positions a cove spotlight; Kevin Gardner (left), stage manager, and John Prohs, technical supervisor, go over plans for the Auditorium's acoustical shell. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr. and Barry Stahl]



ENDLESS JOB — Custodian Bill Rice vacuums the 100-percent wool carpet in the Auditorium. According to Jim Hughes, maintenance coordinator, the Auditorium carpet must be regularly inspected and cleaned to guard against moth damage. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



AC students serve on house staff

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — More than 132 people serve on the Ambassador Auditorium house staff. Most of these are Ambassador College students.

These students serve as ushers, ticket takers, parking attendants and public safety monitors. They are under the direction of evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of facilities for the Church and a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, and Frank Fish, event coordinator.

Roman Borek, house manager, is assisted by Raymond Epperson, a 1982 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and Timothy Morgan.

Students also serve for receptions and Auditorium dinners for performers or special guests, said Mr. Borek, who has worked for the

Auditorium for nine years.

Before each concert the staff members receive updates on the performance and review Auditorium practices and procedures.

The head usher is junior Gary Campbell. His job includes using a computer to schedule students and other employees and giving assignments at each concert.

"I have to make things work within the complexities of the students' schedules. I have to be able to take care of their problems," Mr. Campbell said.

Mr. Campbell also handles public relations during concerts.

"People who haven't been associated with the Church are shocked that we are eager to help and that we don't ask for money or accept tips. We are here to serve," he said.

Brent Baker, a senior, discussed the pressure of assisting accompanists on stage.

"It is such a challenge," he explained, adding that timing is critical when turning pages of a composition. "A couple of times an artist had crossed out several measures of piece but didn't tell me, so I didn't know when to turn. The job requires incredible concentration."

Bruce MacEarningsberry, also a senior, assists concert manager William Wiemhoff. His job includes arranging transportation and accommodations for the performers as well as driving them from place to place and seeing to their needs. He sees his job as a liaison between the performers and the Auditorium, the Ambassador Foundation, the college and the Church.



PROBLEM PREVENTION — Jim Hughes, maintenance coordinator, checks power supply circuits before a concert. Mr. Hughes has been on duty at all but four of the more than 650 concerts presented in the Auditorium. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Singles share in activities

ST. LOUIS, Mo., singles were hosts to activities Feb. 18 for more than 120 YOU teens, parents and children. A variety of games were played, and dancing and music were provided.

A number of singles contributed time and talent to organize games such as "Simon Says," which was won by Rhonda French and Derek Petcu and refereed by Sherry Bell. Sharon Belford controlled the volume switch during a game of musical chairs, in which Tonya Arman outlasted the other participants.

After the games singles challenged YOU teens to a trivia contest. Toastmaster Barry Gannon declared the YOU winners by a narrow margin. Masters of ceremonies were Tony Kessen and Judy Cook, St. Louis singles coordinators.

Prizes for winning the games were arranged and presented by Tammy

Boewer. The evening ended with a host of new ideas for activities between YOU teens and singles.

TACOMA, Wash., singles were hosts for a costume dance and singles' weekend Feb. 17 to 19. The weekend started Friday night, Feb. 17, with a Bible study by evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Seattle, Wash., church.

Some of the 115 singles gathered at a buffet brunch before afternoon services on the Sabbath.

A costume dance took place Saturday night, Feb. 18, with prizes going to the best male and best female costumes. Steve Perry from Spokane, Wash., won the men's prize with his Fruit of the Loom grapes costume, and Michele Gould from Richland, Wash., took the women's prize for her duck costume. A band played '50s and '60s music, and area talent provided entertainment.

A Sunday brunch with lighted candles was served Feb. 19 with a showing of the film *Behind the Work*.

More than 50 AUCKLAND, New Zealand, singles met at the home of George Jupp for a barbecue after Sabbath services Feb. 25. After the evening meal the annual general meeting of the Auckland singles' club was conducted by Mr. Jupp, club president, and supervised by club director Neville Fraser, a minister in the Auckland church.

Mr. Jupp outlined the club's twofold purpose of providing opportunities for group fellowship and to organize service projects. At an open forum the audience offered suggestions for singles' activities during the coming year, including a fun run and cricket match, a yacht cruise, a car rally, a "treat the kids" activity and an afternoon tea with the "young at hearts."

Michael Ray Collier, Paul Braeger and Jan Dowell.

Brethren unite during winter ice storm

When an ice storm struck the Grande Ronde Valley in the La-Grande, Ore., area in January, forcing down electrical poles and power lines, six families from the BAKER, Ore., church were without power for up to eight days.

Wood stoves served as a source of heat, to dry clothes and for cooking food and heating water for dishes and bathing. Outdoor creeks provided water. Candles and oil lanterns provided night lighting.

Some emptied their freezers and buried the contents in snowbanks. Other borrowed generators to keep refrigerators from thawing. Refrigerators were kept cold by inserting cake pans filled with ice cubes left by the storm.

With community help and sharing, all fared well. Brethren realized the need to be prepared for emergencies and to have supplies and food on hand. Michelle McCoy.

348 attend 'PT' lecture

Ninety-eight Plain Truth subscribers and 250 EDMONTON, Alta., brethren attended a Plain Truth Bible lecture Feb. 26, conducted by Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, who spoke about the work God is doing on earth today.

Most stayed after the message for coffee and doughnuts and to ask questions of the ministers and members. Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton churches, commented that 10 new people attended the next regular Sabbath services in Edmonton as a result of the campaign. He added that two more requested ministerial visits. Gordon C. Graham.

'PT' representatives meet

Twenty-six Plain Truth newsstand representatives attended a distributors' meeting March 4 in DULUTH, Minn., in the Radisson Hotel. Pastor William Gordon opened the meeting with prayer and thanked the Duluth representatives for their efforts. Mr. Gordon exhorted the group to continue supporting Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

Tom Kerestes, Duluth's newsstand assistant coordinator, conducted the meeting, using an overhead projector to emphasize various aspects of the newsstand program,

Evening set aside for seniors

The second annual senior citizen's banquet of the MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., SOUTH church took place March 10 in the cafeteria of the Hubert Olson Junior High School in Bloomington, Minn.

After Sabbath services 12 seniors were escorted to tables shared with church elders and their wives for a meal prepared by church women, while brethren ate a potluck.

During the program that followed, Dale Edgell, master of ceremonies, introduced each of the seniors and gave a speech on the importance of

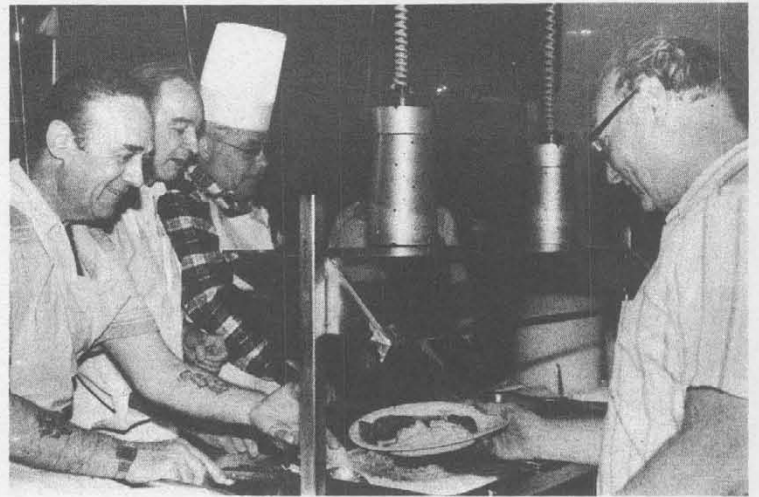
Bible study in Israeli kibbutz

Church members in JERUSALEM, Israel, visited Kibbutz Bachan for a Jan. 21 Bible study. Local church elder Ray Clore, assigned to the American Consulate's Jerusalem office, drove with his wife, two children and two other

including growth patterns, rules and requirements from headquarters.

He reported that Jim Wollan, from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, distributed 2,000 Plain Truths in February. The group learned that their efforts account for more than 47 percent of subscriptions in the Duluth territory.

A suggestion by Ron Schields will result in a list showing establishments that have been contacted but have refused The Plain Truth and those scheduled for future contact. Refreshments afterward were served by the Radisson. Marilyn Jaeger.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Evangelists (from left) Joseph Tkach Sr., Ellis La Ravia and Dean Blackwell serve pancakes, eggs and sausages to Richard Walther, Pasadena Ambassador College librarian, at an Auditorium P.M. pancake breakfast March 25. [Photo by Kevin Blackburn]

Churches put on fiesta, socials, dinners

About 50 MOOSOMIN, Sask., brethren were on hand for a talent night Feb. 18. Since brethren are scattered, practices were few. But pastor Jonathan Buck encouraged brethren to participate.

Music consisted of piano solos and duets, harmonica and violin solos and a singing duo. Skits portrayed the dilemma of a modern-day classroom, a beauty parlor, the results of tampering with nature and the mishaps of a dental office. Humorous and nostalgic readings balanced out the evening.

Guy Stilborn, a local church elder, acted as prompter for forgotten lines.

After Sabbath services and a chili supper Feb. 25, COLUMBIA, Mo., brethren attended a variety show organized by Larry Richardson. Those participating were Paul Blythe, Byron Duke, Gail Wilson, Connie Leopard, Julie and Carolyn Rand, Kathryn Hungerford, Hank Jackson and Steve Douglas.

Special guests were Kermit the Frog (David Trumbo), the Count (Steve Douglas) and the Pink Panther (Paul Blythe). Mike Absher provided lighting and sound effects. Robert Cole helped the Timber River Band (Dan and Elgin Smith and Bob Siel) provide backup music for the performers.

The Show-Me Boys (Kendall and Paul Blythe and Daniel, Randy and Eric Kleindienst) entertained with several numbers. A dance afterward featured music by the Kleindienst family band and guest fiddler Harold Leake. Finishing off the evening was square dancing with Roland Kitchen as caller. Refreshments were served by the singles' club and YOU.

A fondue party kicked off activities for WATERLOO, Iowa, brethren who spent the evening after the Sabbath sipping chunks of bread, apples and vegetables in a cheese fondue.

Later, Gene Zhorne, a local church elder, was master of ceremonies for a fun show with acts by the church's oldest member, Merle Opperman, to the youngest, YES-age girls.

Door prizes and refreshments closed the evening's events.

The TIJUANA and MEXICALI, Mexico, churches celebrated a fiesta social March 3 in Tijuana, with 315 in attendance including brethren from Pasadena and San Diego, Calif.

Brethren from north of the border joined Mexican brethren for a dinner-dance and sampled Mexican cuisine such as tamales, tostadas, a sopaipillas, chicken with mole sauce, beans, rice and pastries. All was washed down with margaritas, Mexican beer and soft drinks.

The evening's entertainment featured dance music provided by two dance bands consisting of members from Tijuana and San Diego. Dance groups performed to folkloric music. A country dance group from San Diego exhibited folk and line dancing.

In attendance were Jerold Aust, associate pastor of the San Diego church, his wife, Mary Ann; evangelist Leon Walker, director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, his wife, Reba; and Fernando Barriga, Tijuana

and Mexicali associate pastor, and his wife, Acelia.

The annual RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta., churches' talent night Feb. 25 got under way as Ray Young, master of ceremonies, announced the first of 37 participants in the Ponoka Kinsmen Hall.

Before the talent show the combined churches gathered for Sabbath services and a potluck of various casseroles, meats, salads, vegetables and desserts.

YOU- and YES-age youths sang and presented vocal acts, skits and instrumental numbers, recited poetry and danced the jig before an audience of 350.

A sudden appearance of the Pink Panther and Inspector Clouseau delighted children and the audience. Refreshments were available during the three-hour show. Pastor Will Wooster oversaw the evening.

March 3, for the first time in the history of the work in Dutch-speaking areas, a Belgian social took place, sponsored by ANTWERP, Belgium, brethren.

About 40 guests, primarily from the southern part of the Netherlands and some from French-speaking areas, brought the attendance to 80 for afternoon services conducted by Harold van Lerberghe, a local church elder.

After services men rearranged the hall for a meal, organized by Irma van Lerberghe, Rita de Vos and assistants. Wines, beer and soft drinks were sold at a bar, where several people, under the direction of Andre de Vos, served.

Activity leader Ivo Cuypers organized the evening's entertainment of games, a cartoon show and a slideshow on nature with musical background.

After a potluck Feb. 18, brethren played ice games at the annual WAUSAU, Wis., winter social. A housewarming festivity honored Norman Strayer, pastor of the Wausau and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., churches, and his wife, Kay, with gifts.

An original poem was read by Shirley Stevens, and a housewarming song was sung by other members. Other activities included swimming, card games, children's games and a cake-baking contest. First place in the cake-baking contest went to Paul Phillee, YES; Jeanne Schwemm, YOU; and Jerome Wendt, age 16 to 19.

The social concluded after judging and presentation of cash awards. (See CHURCHES, page 9)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BONTRAGER, Allen and Kathy (Yesh), of Elkhart, Ind., boy, Derek Allen, Jan. 24, 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

BRENT, Jerry and Terri (Treadwell), of Sheridan, Wyo., boy, Matthew Harlan, Feb. 26, 12:22 a.m., 2 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BREWER, Charles and Cindy (Dumesnil), of Houston, Tex., girl, Vanessa Lorraine, Feb. 28, 1:42 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

BURKHALTER, Larry and Joy (Bower), of South Wayne, Wis., girl, Sharon Elise, Jan. 25, 1:36 p.m., 8 pounds 16 ounces, now 2 girls.

CAPLE, Calvin and Lucie (Crum), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Andrew Charles, Nov. 18, 8:17 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

CARDNO, Gordon and Cathy (Burgess), of Winesap, Mea., boy, Ryan Elliott, Jan. 29, 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CENTER, Keith and Darlene (Campar), of Colorado Springs, Colo., girl, Delyse Elizabeth, March 14, 2:02 a.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DAMOUR, Thomas and Lisa (Wolcott), of Slidell, La., boy, Curtis Neil, Feb. 24, 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

DUFRESNE, Donald and Denise (Kern), of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, William Dean, Jan. 23, 9:10 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DUNN, Willard and Anke (Stambaugh), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Tristan Joel, Feb. 13, 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

ESTES, Jim and Carol (Ward), of Poplar Bluff, Mo., girl, Jessica Nickole, Nov. 11, 6:59 p.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

GEDYE, Dennis and Betty (Bruce), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Elizabeth Joy Margaret Louise, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GERMAN, William and Greta (Kopeck), of Yorkton, Sask., girl, Rebecca Elise, Jan. 29, 5:14 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 girl.

GREMU, Dickson and Doris (Maakhanamba), of Blantyre, Malawi, boy, Sylvester Dvoto, Feb. 16, 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 4 girls.

HANSHAW, Steven and Brenda (Miller), of Peoria, Ill., boy, Jeremy Ryan, Feb. 6, 1:56 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HOWIE, Steven and Helmi (Wetzel), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Aris Joseph, Feb. 24, 2:03 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HUYINK, David and Michelle (Kessel), of St. Paul, Minn., girl, Amy Janeen, Feb. 21, 4:11 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ISAACSON, Wayne and Shirley (Bump), of Puyallup, Wash., girl, Shawna Valerie, March 4, 7:37 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

JONES, Dale and Paula (Guisenberry), of Kalamazoo, Mich., boy, Jerald Ellsworth, March 10, 6:49 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

KIFER, Keven and Donna (Bean), of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Melissa Marie, March 5, 9:01 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KNAACK, John and Hannah (Papa), of Monroe, La., boy, Matthew Carl, March 7, 11:14 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KREYER, Michael and Kimberly (Holla), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Nathan Thomas, Feb. 28, 12:44 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

LEMMON, Mike and Debbie (Robinson), of Binghamton, N.Y., boy, Justin Michael, March 6, 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LINDENBERG, Steven and Cathy (Kehler), of Morden, Man., boy, Ryan Thomas, March 11, 11:28 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

LUCKEY, Nicholas and Teresa (Fry), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Japheth Chad, March 1, 12:48 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MARSHALL, Richard and Kathi (Gibba), of Baker, Ore., boy, Jamin Richard, Feb. 14, 1:36 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

MAYES, John and Theresa (Neil), of Beaumont, Tex., boy, Gerald Stephan, Feb. 20, 1:26 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

McMASTER, Tim and Christina (Lillerick), of Denver, Colo., boy, Jonathan Scott, March 4, 3:44 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

McMUTT, John and Linda (Clark), of Warkworth, Ont., boy, Kendall John Elliot, Sept. 16, 2:51 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MOVIUS, Preas and Connie (Ewing), of Garden Grove, Calif., boy, John Preas, March 10, 6:22 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MYERS, Gary and D'Renda (Walker), of Seymour, Tex., boy, Grant Barrel, March 13, 6:04 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

NYANGULU, Rowland and Bettie (Ngulube), of Dedza, Malawi, boy, Samuel Chisomo, Dec. 22, 5 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

OHNEWUS, Gary and Cindy (Haley), of Denver, Colo., girl, Claire Catherine, Feb. 23, 4:10 a.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

PACK, William and Wendy (Robertson), of Hagerstown, Md., boy, Jason Michael, Feb. 10, 4:23 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PATTERSON, Alan and Toni (Mendez), of Mount Clemens, Mich., boy, Aaron Sean, Feb. 10, 11:28 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PECK, Nicholas and Ann (Thomas), of Morwell, Australia, girl, Cristal Jane, March 8, 1:17 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

QUISENBERRY, Michael and Debora, of Grand Rapids, Mich., girl, Melissa Sue, Feb. 27, 11:59 a.m., 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

RICKETTS, Lloyd and Rosemary (Burman), of Grifton, Australia, boy, Samuel David, Feb. 28, 2:45 p.m., now 2 boys.

SAXON, William and Beverly (Hix), of Meridian, Miss., girl, Terah Kaye, March 6, 11:54 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

SCHANZT, Dean and Juanita (Lujan), of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Stuart Lauren, Feb. 1, 10:12 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHUEFLER, Randy and Carol (Mahoney), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Heidi Jo, March 3, 3:30 p.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SCHWARTZ, Bill and Patty (Jensen), of Fremont, Calif., girl, Leslie Marie, March 2, 11:16 p.m., 5 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

SHAON, John and Lois (Wilson), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Trieste Nicole, March 3, 8:07 p.m., 5 pounds 14

ounces, now 3 girls.

SOUJIE, Edmund and Marianne (Broughton), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Chelsea Dawn, March 3, 9:06 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SPANGLER, Mark and Suzanne (Smith), of Morocco, Ind., girl, Tiffany Mae, Feb. 22, 4 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STREET, Earl and Glenna (Clifton), of Bluefield, W. Va., boy, Travis Jerome, Jan. 21, 7:21 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

TEETAERT, Kenneth and Josette (Schnee), of Regina, Sask., girl, Amber Colette, Feb. 24, 8:10 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

VALENZUELA, Fred and Rosa (Ratz), of Glendora, Calif., boy, Steven Daniel, Feb. 6, 12:13 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

VEAL, Cliff and Connie (Hoffman), of Pasadena, girl, Esther Lorene, March 10, 1:46 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

WARD, Bobby and Jan (Steele), of Weatherford, Okla., boy, Wesley Shane, Feb. 22, 10:13 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

WOOD, Donald and Sybil (Lamora), of Albany, N.Y., boy, Thomas James, March 6, 2:15 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 4 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

J. POPE AND M. RASMUSSEN
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Pope of Columbus, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. James D. Rasmussen of Pasadena proudly announce the engagement of their children Julia Elizabeth and Michael Darren. The wedding will take place Sept. 30 in Columbus.

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Lydia B. Van Kol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Van Kol of the San Francisco, Calif., church, and Drew F. Trone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley D. Trone of the Sacramento, Calif., church, were united in marriage Sept. 11. The ceremony was performed by Jeffrey Barasa, pastor of the San Francisco church. The maid of honor was Sylvia Van Kol, sister of the bride, and the best man was the groom's brother, Darren. The couple reside in Auburn, Calif.

MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY RICE
Karen Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lane of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Anthony Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rice of Pasadena, were united in marriage Jan. 7 in Pasadena. They were married by the groom's father, director of the Mail Processing Center and a pastor-emeritus minister, Cheryl Campbell was the maid of honor, and Michael Rice, brother of the groom, was the best man. The couple reside in Monrovia, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Travis of Milton, Wis., are

pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jayle to T. Scott Hoefker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Hoefker of Omaha, Neb. Scott and Jayle, students at Pasadena Ambassador College, are planning a July wedding in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Florence of Dayton, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shelly Lynn to Kenneth David DeVillias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. DeVillias, also of Dayton. A May 20 wedding is planned.



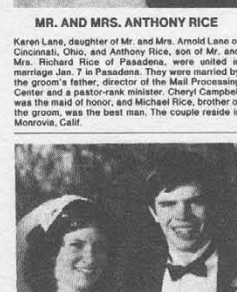
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The groom's father, John Jewell, pastor of the churches in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, performed the ceremony. Cathy Colpepper, the bride's sister, was the maid of honor, and the best man was Jonathan Jewell. Philip is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College. Susan is a 1983 graduate.

a minister in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church and director of Food Services at Pasadena Ambassador College. The couple reside in Pasadena, and both are employed by the bride. The bride is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College.



MR. AND MRS. ALAN QUINN
Valerie Leavender and Alan Quinn were united in marriage Oct. 23 in Thorney, England. The ceremony was performed by Barry Bourne, pastor of the Birmingham, Gloucestershire, Northampton and Nottingham, England, churches. Roger Clark was the best man, and bridesmaids were Andrea and Aysah, sisters of the groom.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD PUMPHREY
Jill R. McClane, daughter of Letha McClane of Omaha, Neb., and Richard L. Pumphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Pumphrey of Glen Burnie, Md., were united in marriage Sept. 10 in Omaha. Terry Swagerty, pastor of the Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., churches, performed the ceremony. The matron of honor was Joni Weaversted, and the best man was Kirk McClane. The couple reside at 474 Brightwood Rd., Millerville, Md., 21108, and attend the Baltimore, Md., church.



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Maurice Greenhalgh, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Greenhalgh of New Zealand, and Dorothy E. Riand, of the Pasadena Ambassador College Fine Arts Recital Hall. The ceremony was performed by Carlton Green.



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP JEWELL
Susan Carol Colpepper of Athens, Ga., and Philip Adrian Jewell of Liskeard, England, were united in marriage Jan. 1 at the Taylor Grady House in Athens.

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 daughter of Peaty and Mary Renda of Sumnerland, B.C., were united in marriage Feb. 19 in Calgary, Alta. The maid of honor was Joanne Raspberry, and the best man was Len Elman. Alan Redmond, a minister in the Calgary South church, officiated.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID BOOMERSHINE
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boomershine are pleased to announce the marriage of their son David to Michelle Artherton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Artherton of Coffeyville, Kan. The wedding took place in Coffeyville Jan. 28. The couple reside in Tulsa, Okla.

Obituaries

KANSASCITY, Kan.—Vergil Verl Brown, 83, died Feb. 28 in Olathe, Kan. He has been a member of God's Church since 1953. He and his wife, Ula, attended the Wichita and Salina, Kan.,

churches until her death in 1976. Since then Mr. Brown attended the Kansas City South church.

Mr. Brown is survived by his sons, Orl and his wife, Patricia, and Leland and his wife, Carolyn, members of the Kansas City South church; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bruce Gore, pastor of the Kansas City South and Kansas City, Mo., North churches, in Miltonvale, Kan., March 2.

YOUNTVILLE, Calif.—Forrest C. Hurley, 53, a member since 1977, died Feb. 20.

He is survived by his mother, Helen, and brothers John C. and Robert A.

Funeral services took place at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif., and were conducted by Doug Peitz, a minister in the Riverside and Garden Grove, Calif., churches.

BECKWORTH, Calif.—Douglas Premo, 75, a Church member since November, 1963, died at home Feb. 14 of cancer.

Mr. Premo is survived by his wife, Esther.

A memorial service was conducted by James Chapman, pastor of the Reno and Carlin, Nev., churches.

ROCKFORD, Ill.—Grace I. Lampert, 86, died March 1 at home after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Lampert has been a member of the Church since 1965.

Funeral services were conducted by Carl Falcone, a minister in the Rockford church.

RALEIGH, N.C.—Fannie L. Kinlorch, 98, a longtime member of God's Church, died Feb. 6. Before 1968, Mrs. Kinlorch attended the Manhattan, N.Y., church. Mrs. Kinlorch lived in the Brian Center Nursing Home in Raleigh since 1977.

She is survived by a grandnephew from New Bern, N.C.

GREENWOOD, Miss.—Susie Dixon, 97, of Clarksdale, Miss., died Feb. 16 after a long illness. She has been a member of God's Church since 1960.

Survivors include her daughter, Roberta Cornish.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert Peoples, pastor of the Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., churches.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Hermas J. Rogers, 94, died here Feb. 15. Dr. Rogers has been a member of the Springfield congregation since 1960.

Services were conducted by George A. Meeker, pastor of the Springfield congregation.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—Hayward A. Swyer, 76, a member since 1981, died Feb. 27 of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Catherine, also a member; daughters Nancy and Rachel; and

three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David A. Sheridan, pastor of the St. John's congregation.

GREENVILLE, S.C.—Rebecca Byrd MacRae, 56, of Taylors, S.C., died March 3. She was born April 8, 1927, in Leaksville, N.C.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; daughters Frances of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Nancy Martin of Greenville; and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted March 5 by Ronald Jameson, pastor of the Greenville church.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont.—Joe DeFazio, 68, died at home in Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 27. A founding member of the St. Catharines church, he was baptized in 1960.

Mr. DeFazio is survived by his brother, Tom, and his sister, Susie Harris.

VICTORIA, Tex.—Eula Holzheuser, 86, died Nov. 10 in Houston, Tex. She has been a member of the Church since 1957.

Mrs. Holzheuser is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Wiley Morgan, a minister in the Victoria church.

ROUND ROCK, Tex.—Carl L. Dismukes Sr., 88, died Feb. 20.

Mr. Dismukes has been a member of the Church since June, 1966, and

attended in Austin, Tex.

Mr. Dismukes is survived by his wife, a member of God's Church, one daughter, one sister and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Harold Lester, pastor of the Austin and Waco, Tex., churches.

WACO, Tex.—John Thomas Otholt, 46, a member of the Church since 1969, died March 17 in a Temple, Tex., hospital.

Mr. Otholt, a resident of Belton, Tex., lived in Bell County, Tex., most of his life, and was a Santa Fe Railway employee for 18 years.

Mr. Otholt is survived by his wife, Cheryl; sons Peter of Belton, Robert Rickey of Oldsmar, Fla., and John of Atlanta, Ga.; his father, Wilford, of Belton; his mother, Bernice Daniel, of Belton; brother Willie of Belton; sister Glenda McGee of Quincy, Mass.; step-sister Phyllis McCormick of Belton; and one grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted March 19 by Harold Lester, pastor of the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Bessie Booth Smith, 66, a member since 1972, died of cancer March 11.

She is survived by her husband, Lester P., and three daughters.

Mrs. Smith was buried at Hurd Shoals Cemetery near her hometown of Adger, Ala. Robert Collins, a minister in the Birmingham church, conducted funeral services March 14.

Major's adventures with Prince

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
 By Shirley King Johnson

"Here we are, folks!" Grandfather announced. "Jim, snap the leash on the dog."

"Yes, sir, it's on."
 That was the beginning of an exciting hour in the big city. They walked for many blocks, with Grandfather leading the way, so they would have a choice place from which to see the parade.

"What's going to happen?" Susie asked her grandmother as they waited along the curb. "Why is everyone looking down the street?"

"They're waiting for the parade to start," explained Grandmother.

"While we're waiting, let's talk about my riddle," suggested Grandfather. "Have you boys guessed the answer yet? How about you, Harry?"

"I'm not very good at riddles," Harry said, giving up. "What's the answer?"

"I think if we wait until the parade is over, you'll know the answer," Grandfather assured him. "If not, I'll tell you then."

"Here comes a band!" Susie shouted. "It's started!"

Major, lying at Jim's feet during all the waiting, sat up and inched forward to see better. The band came on — noisy and exciting — and Major tried not to bark as the straight lines of feet pounded nearer and nearer. They swept past. "Woof!"

"Quiet, Major," Jim said, and Major sat down and let the parade go by. There were floats, cars and bands and more bands. Then the thunder of many hooves shook the ground. Horses were coming! Major felt the hair rising on his back and his spine tingled with excitement.

Eight magnificent Clydesdales clomped down the street. They were pulling a red wagon that was loaded to the top with boxes. Two men sat up high on a seat. One held the reins for all eight horses. Behind them stood a proud white dog that had black spots all over his body.

"There's the famous dog Bud!" Grandfather announced. "Major, see that dalmatian!"

"WOORRRFFF!" shouted Major in one ecstatic cheer.

The dalmatian was well trained and he pretended not to hear Major's outburst. But as the wagon rolled grandly by, his head turned and he grinned at Major for one glorious moment.

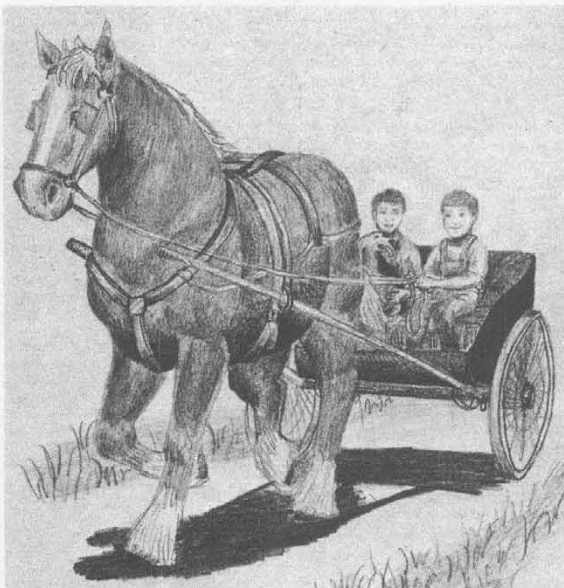
"Yeaahh!" The Wilsons and Harry and Jason clapped and cheered. The crowd around them joined in and the applause continued until the horses and wagon were out of sight. Another band

like Prince. They're gentle in spite of their size. They're gentlemen!"

The riddle is solved

"Eight horses," Jim said. "Eight times four is 32. And how much hay can one horse eat a day, Grandfather?"

"Fifty pounds."
 "What's fifty times eight?" Jim con-



Artwork by Judith Docken

brought up the rear of the parade and the crowd began to disperse.

"They were wonderful ponies, weren't they, Major?" Susie chirruped, patting his head. Major licked her hand in agreement.

Harry turned to Grandfather Wilson. "Thank you for bringing us to see the parade, Mr. Wilson," he said. "I love those horses! They were the best thing in the parade."

"You're welcome, Harry. I knew you'd appreciate the sight of those horses hitched up with all that shining harness. Each one of those horses looks

continued. "I need a pencil."

Harry's mind was quick. "Four hundred. So that's the answer to the riddle. Eight horses eat 400 pounds of hay and have 32 feet."

"That's right. You boys, between you, guessed the answer." Grandfather was pleased.

"Prince looks just like them," Jason said proudly. "Prince can pull a wagon like that all by himself."

"There's no doubt that Prince is a grand horse. Just like those." And Grandfather hugged Jason's shoulders. "Are you hungry, honey?"

Jason nodded his head. "I think so."

They found a family restaurant and enjoyed a hot meal. Grandfather asked about the Clydesdales and learned they were stabled at the fairgrounds. On the way out of town he stopped at the fairgrounds so the boys could see the Clydesdales being loaded into their vans for the trip back to St. Louis, Mo.

Harry was quiet, but his eyes followed every movement as the groomsmen worked with the gentle giants.

The trip home seemed short, and when Grandfather dropped Jim, Susie and Major at their house, Harry told Jim he hoped they would be visiting their grandparents soon.

Back at the farm

It was a month before the Wilson family drove out to the farm to enjoy a Sunday visit. After a good noon meal, Jim said he thought he and Major would walk up the hill to see Harry.

Grandfather looked at the clock. "If I were you, I'd wait a few minutes. Harry told me he'd be coming down to see you at 1 o'clock sharp."

Jim and Major went out to the driveway and sat down by the open gate to wait. Before long they heard something coming down the gravel road. Turning, they saw Prince. He pulled a little black carriage and Harry Sterner sat in it, holding the reins. They turned in at the gate. "Whoaaa!" said Harry, and the carriage stopped.

Jim and Major ran up to greet them. "Do you want a ride?" Harry asked.

"You bet!" Jim climbed up and sat on the seat beside Harry.

"Come on, Major," Harry said. "There's room for you."

Keeping a careful distance from Prince's big feet, Major sprang up into Jim's lap.

"Sit here between us," Jim told Major, and the dog moved over.

"Here we go!" Harry said. "Giddap!" He clucked his tongue and Prince responded and turned around in the driveway.

They sped along the countryside with a gentle clop! clop! of hooves.

Major tried to look as much like a dalmatian as he could as he gazed across the top of Prince's broad back. The breeze set his ears flapping. He smiled.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — Douglas Horchak, Robert League and James Peoples were raised to pastor rank at the final dinner of the third session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program April 3.

Mr. Horchak and his wife, Tanya, serve the Prescott and Flagstaff, Ariz., churches. Mr. League and his wife, Faye, serve the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches. Mr. Peoples and his wife, Linda, serve the San Bernardino, Banning and Glendora, Calif., churches.

The men were ordained by evangelists Dihar Aparian, Dean Blackwell, Harold Jackson, Ellis La Ravia, Raymond McNair, Leroy Neff, Joseph Tkach Sr. and Leon Walker.

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PASADENA — Beginning with the October issue, the Canadian editions of *The Plain Truth* will be printed by Southern Murray Printing of Toronto, Ont., according to Roger Lippross, production director for Publishing Services.

The Canadian *Plain Truth* is now printed at Lawson Graphics in Winnipeg, Man. According to Mr. Lippross, Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, decided to have the magazine printed at Southern Murray because the potential savings are substantial.

"Southern Murray has better contacts with the Canadian postal service to apply for the second-class postal permit for *The Plain Truth*," said Mr. Lippross, which would save the Church even more money.

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PASADENA — More than 3,500 camper II applications for the Summer Educational Program (SEP) were received by the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Office here, according to Kevin Dean, director of YOU.

The camper II designation is for those who have had experience at one of the SEP camps and want to assist in the various departments at the camps in Orr, Minn., and Big Sandy (see "Update," *W/N*, Jan. 30).

"Over 5,000 camper II applications were sent out this year, an all-time high," said Jeh Egbert, YOU business manager. "The YOU staff is currently in the process of sifting through the applications and coming up with a staff of less than 100 for the summer camps in Orr and Big Sandy."

Acceptances will be sent out in April, Mr. Egbert said.

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PASADENA — Four sites for the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles are filled to capacity, according to Rod Matthews of Ministerial Services. No further applications for transfers can be accepted.

The sites are: Castries, St. Lucia; Freeport, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and the French-language site at Hengelhof, Belgium.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A new Feast of Tabernacles site is

open on the Caribbean island of Dominica, according to Stan Bass, regional director of the Church in the Caribbean. He said a limited number of transfer applications will be accepted.

"This site will better serve the needs of our brethren living on the island, saving them time and expense in traveling elsewhere," said Mr. Bass.

According to Rod Matthews of Ministerial Services in Pasadena, applicants "should understand that this site will be for the more hardy individuals wanting a challenge and adventure this first year."

For more information write:

Worldwide Church of God
Festival Office
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San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936

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PASADENA — The 1984 Canadian Festival site for French-speaking brethren will be in Hull, Que., rather than Jonquiére, Que., according to George Patriekson of the Vancouver, B.C., Office.

Hull, across the Ottawa River from Ottawa, Ont., Canada's capital, reflects the country's French and British heritage and features an abundance of outdoor beauty, said Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal, Que., French-speaking churches.

Festival services will take place in Le Palais des Congrès de Hull, a new convention complex, Mr. Picard said.

Some 300 rooms are set aside for



ORDINATIONS — Pictured with their wives are three men who were raised to pastor rank April 3 at the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena. They are James Peoples; his wife, Linda; Robert League; his wife, Faye; Douglas Horchak; and his wife, Tanya. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Thomas Hanson]

brethren in four hotels within walking distance of the convention center. A free shuttle bus will be available.

Services will be in French with English translations provided, according to the Church's French Department here.

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PASADENA — Five seniors will serve as ministerial trainees in the international areas of the work after graduation, according to Ray-

mond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College.

They are: Hector Barrero, Bogota, Colombia; Paul Brown, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Eli Chiprout, Quebec; Bermevon Dizon, Quezon City, Philippines; and Joel King, Vancouver, B.C.

Ben Kaswaga will serve in the Nairobi, Kenya, Office.

Four juniors will serve as ministerial trainees this summer: Todd Martin, Montreal, Que.; Stephen Gore, Prince George, B.C.; Colin Wallace, Saskatoon, Sask.; and Joel Meeker, Strasbourg, France.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

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MATTHEWS

PASADENA — David Stirk, who coordinates the congregations in East and West Africa under evangelist and regional director Frank Brown, visited Nigeria March 18 to 25.

Mr. Stirk visited the Feast site in

Kano, which he found to have high standards of accommodations and facilities. The site is becoming overcrowded, and it will be necessary within the next few years to either find a larger site, which seems most unlikely, or to have a second site for the Feast of Tabernacles in Nigeria.

Mr. Stirk discussed the proposed Summer Educational Program (SEP) site in Nigeria with Lateef Edalera, pastor of the Lagos and Oguta, Nigeria, churches. The camp is to begin in 1985. In the meantime, Mr. Edalera will continue with mini-SEP programs this year.

While in Lagos, Mr. Stirk audited the internal check systems at the office. He met with the Church's accountants and arranged for them to visit the office and to report on the check and accounting systems.

Joseph Forson, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches, and his wife, Gloria, were also in Nigeria at the time. Mr. Forson discussed with Mr. Stirk the situation in Ghana. Food shortages continue to be a major concern, but the Church farm programs are beginning to bear fruit. This will, at least, contribute to the well-being of the members in the face of further food shortages anticipated this summer.

Mr. Stirk reported that Church members in Lagos are excited about their calling and are firmly behind Mr. Armstrong in supporting God's work. Many asked Mr. Stirk to pass their warm regards to their brothers and sisters in other parts of the world.

Netherlands

During February, negotiations were concluded to move the Dutch Office from Utrecht to Nieuwegein a satellite town on the outskirts of Utrecht. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the move in January. The move will take place

at the end of April.

The Dutch-language *Plain Truth*, *De Echte Waarheid*, was launched in 1968, with the translations and administration handled partly from Pasadena and from the Bricklet Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College.

By 1975 the Dutch area of the work grew to the point where a local office was needed. Utrecht was chosen for its central location in the Benelux countries, and the Church found space in a new office complex forming part of a redevelopment plan in the center of Utrecht.

Nine years later, the office space is too small, and expansion is impractical and expensive. But God provided just what was wanted at a reasonable cost in an office building in Nieuwegein.

Mail coming into the Dutch Office in February increased by 43 percent over last February, while donation mail was up 18 percent for the same period. Year-to-date income is up more than 26 percent.

Portuguese ad

The Spanish Department in Pasadena reports an encouraging response to the first Portuguese-language advertisement run in *Selecoes do Reader's Digest* in February. The ad offered the booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*, in Portuguese, and a *Plain Truth* subscription in Spanish, French, English or Italian. So far 730 responses were received.

Since last June, 18,448 responses were received from four ads in the *Reader's Digest*: from Spain (5,450), Mexico (11,843), Venezuela (425) and Portugal (730). Because of budgetary restraints, there are no plans to advertise in Spanish or Portuguese editions of *Reader's Digest* for the rest of the year, with the possible exception of one in the August or September edition going to Spain.

Argentina

In the past two years in Argentina, nearly 33,000 subscribers were added to *La Pura Verdad*, 2½ times as many as were added in the first 14 years of the magazine. Mail received in Argentina increased by 329 percent during the past two years to more than 30,000 items a year.

One hundred members attend

the churches in Ezeiza, pastored by Alberto Sousa, and Bahia Blanca, pastored by Luis Chavez.

Mr. Sousa's responsibilities include visiting in Uruguay (where 30 people meet at Salto) and in Brazil, where there are 18 members.

New Zealand

The Auckland, New Zealand, Office announced that lighted displays will advertise *The Plain Truth* in the Auckland international and Wellington domestic airports.

One of New Zealand's two television stations ran a 15-minute expose on the Church Jan. 29, prompted by disgruntled ex-members. The program drew little adverse comment. One person phoned the office to ask for a subscription to the *Plain Truth* magazine "that was advertised on television."

In March, advertisements were run in *Reader's Digest* and *The New Zealand Listener*, and 130,000 newspaper inserts were placed in *The Auckland Star*.

Church announces list of Holy Day speakers

PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following list of traveling speakers for the Sabbath, April 14, and the Spring Holy Days.

Sabbath, April 14

David Albert, Flint and Lansing, Mich.; Greg Albrecht, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind.; Gary Antion, Belle Vernon and Washington, Pa.; evangelist Dean Blackwell, Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff, Mo.; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, Gadsden and Midland, Mich.

Evangelist Harold Jackson, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y.; evangelist Ronald Kelly, Binghamton and Corning, N.Y.; evangelist Leslie McCullough, Lexington and Mount Sterling, Ky.; evangelist Raymond McNair, Laurel and Wilmington, Del.

Evangelist Roderick Meredith, Chillicothe and Portsmouth, Ohio; evangelist Leroy Neff, Findlay and Mansfield, Ohio; Richard Rice, Middletown and Union, N.J.; and Larry Salyer, Detroit West, and Ann Arbor, Mich.

Passover

Mr. Albert, Coldwater and Kalamazoo, Mich. (meeting in Battle Creek, Mich.); Mr. Albrecht, Terre Haute; Mr. Antion, Beaver Valley, McKeesport and Pittsburgh, Pa.

(meeting in Pittsburgh): Mr. Blackwell, Harrison, Ark.; Mr. Hoeh, Midland.

Mr. Jackson, Rochester; Mr. Kelly, Binghamton; Mr. McCullough, Charleston, W.Va.; Mr. McNair, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Meredith, Chillicothe and Portsmouth (meeting in Portsmouth); Mr. Neff, Findlay, Ohio; Mr. Rice, Union, N.J.; and Mr. Salyer, Ann Arbor and Detroit East and West (meeting in Detroit).

First Holy Day

Mr. Albert, Coldwater and Kalamazoo (meeting in Kalamazoo); Mr. Albrecht, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. Antion, Beaver Valley, McKeesport and Pittsburgh (meeting in Pittsburgh); Mr. Blackwell, Harrison and Mountain View, Ark.; Mr. Hoeh, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Jackson, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. Kelly, Montvale, N.J.; Mr. McCullough, Charleston, Huntington, Logan and Parkersburg, W.Va.; and Mr. McNair, Harrisburg.

Mr. Meredith, Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; Mr. Neff, Toledo, Ohio; Mr. Rice, Meriden, Conn.; and Mr. Salyer, Detroit East.

James Friddle will speak in the Vancouver, B.C., church on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 23.

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